

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
July 20, 2011

Councilman Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers did the swearing in of the Council.

Members Present: Councilman Murphy, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Brewer
Councilman Pottschmidt, Councilman Carmichael, Councilman Wheeler,
Councilman Prange

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

Council President Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting as presented. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Solid Waste Management Director Debbie Hackman presented the Solid Waste budget for 2012. Debbie stated that the Solid Waste Board has approved the budget. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson reported that he participated in a round table discussion on July 12, 2011 with Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman and others. The theme of the discussion was how to better work together to serve the public.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested an additional \$7,000.00 from the County General Fund for the Part-Time Animal Control Officer. Sheriff Carothers explained that the calls on animals have doubled which requires more hours.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested an additional \$25,000.00 from the County General Fund for fuel. Gas prices have gone up and additional monies are needed.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested an additional \$37,000.00 from the County General Fund for utilities. Sheriff Carothers explained that \$80,000.00 was appropriated for 2011 and due to the extreme heat \$56,000.00 has been paid out to date.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve all requests from the General Fund. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested an additional \$4,465.00 from the GOB Series 2007 fund for Data Processing Equipment which is needed at the jail. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners requested \$18,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund to pay demolition costs for tearing down an old house owned by the county

which is located behind the courthouse on Sugar Street. Councilman Carmichael made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Health Administrator Kimberly Myers requested a transfer of funds within the Bio-Terrorism Fund from 87-807-211 (office supplies) to 87-807-442 (equipment) in the amount of \$500.00. The transfer is needed for the purchase of needed equipment and the State Department of Health has given their approval for the transfer. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schrader submitted the Center's report for June, 2011.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the report for receipts and disbursements of the Sheriff's Commissary Fund for the period from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

Councilman Brian Thompson led the discussion on the replacement of the inventory tax with tax credits stating that changes made by the Council Board may be overshadowed with problems. Brian presented a report showing the history of changes made over the past several years. The state has made five changes and the Council Board has made one change. Brian has spoken with tax experts in Indianapolis and now feels that any changes made could do more damage than good. If the issue is left alone it will most likely take care of its self. Brian stated that the best choice would be to allow Seymour Mayor Craig Luedeman continue with plans of annexation for areas surrounding Seymour.

Councilman Brewer informed Council that the state has approved the Community Corrections budget for 2012.

The meeting was adjourned.

Charlie Murphy – President

Leon Pottschmidt

Dennis Carmichael

Brian Wheeler

J.L. Brewer

Greg Prange

Brian Thompson

Debra Eggeman - attest

